

P24743.A03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: H. RINGHOFF et al.	Confirmation No.	5503
Appln. No.	: 10/776,269	Group Art Unit	1733
Filed	: February 12, 2004	Examiner	G. L. Knable
For	: TIRE BUILDING ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 11, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires October 11, 2006, this Amendment is being timely filed and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is required, the same is hereby requested and authorization is hereby given to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 14.

{P24743 00051532.DOC}